

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2013**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:** The Prayer was said by City Clerk McKinney.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers McDermott, Rice, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollenbeck, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilman Berg. Quorum of six was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

Moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move to allow Councilman Dennis Berg to participate in the meeting by telephone due to a medical issue."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0, making it a quorum of seven.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:** Mayor Olson commended the following:

- Bruce McKinney was elected Illinois State Vice President of MCI (Municipal Clerks of Illinois).
- The Rochelle Water Department was awarded a certificate of commendation by the Illinois Department of Public Health for achieving the highest standard of compliance for 12 consecutive years in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: None
- Council Members: Councilman Eckhardt stated that there will be an Administration Committee on Wednesday, October 16 at 8:00 a.m.
- Illinois State Representative Tom Demmer: talked about issues of the state:
  - Concealed Carry
  - Budget
  - Unresolved State pensions

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:****1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – September 23, 2013
- b) Approve Minutes of Special Council Meeting – September 30, 2013
- c) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Police and Fire Commission – December 13, 2012
- d) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Railroad Advisory Board Meeting – July 25, 2013
- e) Approve Bills – 09/13/13-09/19/13=\$2,990,351; 09/20/13-09/26/13=\$324,762
- f) Approve Payroll – 09/02/13-09/15/13=\$214,135; 09/16/13-09/29/13=\$208,639

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Variance for Wall Signage – Rochelle Avionics 1205 Gurler Road:** In 2009 the City entered into a Limited Fixed Base Operator Agreement with Rochelle Avionics, Inc. for the purpose of providing an avionics repair shop, an aircraft service shop and aircraft accessories, parts and products at the Rochelle Municipal Airport. Rochelle Avionics recently petitioned the City for a variance from the code requirements which allow a maximum wall signage equal to two square feet per linear foot of building frontage; in this case 100' of building frontage would equate to a total wall signage of 200'. The petitioner would like to place a 15 x 30 foot “Rochelle Avionics” wall sign on the hangar door on the north side of the community hangar for a total of 450 square feet. They believe that this additional signage will help them advertise their business since it will be large enough to be seen from the air when the door is open and from the runway when the door is closed. On October 7th the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the petition for a variance to the sign ordinance. Following some discussion the commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the request subject to City staff review and approval of the proposed signage and the agreement of Rochelle Avionics to maintain the sign in good repair. Kip Countryman, Building Inspector and Mark Delhotal, Supervisor of the airport were present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move Ordinance 13-4337. An Ordinance Approving a Variance for Wall Signage for Rochelle Avionics located at 1205 Gurler Road, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 3) **Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to the Agreement with Hanson Professional Services – Airport Runway Extension:** In early 2010 the Mayor and Council approved an agreement with Hanson Professional Services for preliminary design and special services to facilitate the extension of the runway at the Rochelle Municipal Airport. Since then the City has purchased the additional land required for the runway extension, concurred with the construction award to Martin & Company Excavating and approved the State/Local Agency Agreement required to secure the funding. The agreement with Hanson that was approved in 2010 was primarily for grading and drainage. As the project has evolved, Hanson has provided additional services related to drainage, permitting, lighting, and paving which was beyond the original scope of services. The State/Local Agency Agreement, which was

approved by Council earlier this year, was for a total project cost of \$1,512,020. The additional costs associated with the three proposed amendments were included in those total project costs so no additional local share will be required. IDOT Division of Aeronautics has reviewed and approved Amendments 1, 2 and 3. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council approve Amendment 1, 2, and 3 to the Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Hanson Professional Services related to the Airport Runway Extension."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4) **Selection of Health Insurance Plan and Provider:** The City of Rochelle currently has a self-insured health plan through Query Insurance Agency, administered by Cypress Benefit Administrators, with a Health Plan Year that expires on October 31st. Due to the rising cost of health insurance and related budget concerns, City staff solicited proposals for the second year in a row from two broker agencies: Williams Manny and Query Insurance. Both agencies were provided pertinent data including past claims histories, deductible and out-of-pocket structures and current plan design. Although the current plan is self-insured, both agencies had the option to propose both fully-insured and self-insured options. The City's goal in this process was to maintain quality care and customer service for City employees at a reasonable cost. Both agencies subsequently submitted multiple options. HR/Risk Manager Lynette Fischer reviewed the proposals and evaluated them based on cost, networks accessed, services provided by the Third-Party Administrator, services provided by the broker agencies and additional options available. As a result of the analysis, the consensus of management was to recommend converting the City's health insurance plan to a fully-insured Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) plan through Williams-Manny. In addition, the City recommended maintaining reserves in the Health Fund of approximately \$1 million through the next plan year in case it is necessary to revert to a self-insured plan.

The specific points below were presented to Council (balancing the interests of the City and its employees):

- The City's costs with a BCBS fully insured plan are fixed for the year and will be paid monthly.
- There are no additional "lasers" or individual City-funded higher deductibles with the BCBS plan.
- The fully insured plan is the lowest cost alternative among the options presented.
- The City's total potential maximum funding for the plan in 2013-14 will remain flat.
- The average claims discount is expected to increase several percentage points through the BCBS network, which lower claims will cost.

Lynette Fischer, Human Resources, was present to answer questions. Also present was Tim Knauf, Division President of Williams-Manny, Inc. of Rockford. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council approve recommendation to convert the City's health insurance plan and provider to a fully insured Blue Cross Blue Shield plan through Williams-Manny beginning November 1, 2013."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

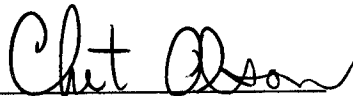
- 5) **Ordinance Amending Municipal Code 98-102 – Water Service Pipes:** The Rochelle Municipal Code currently requires Type K copper pipe for water services from the water main to the customer's meter. Due to the corrosion of copper services and the cost of copper pipe, the Water Division has researched alternatives for residential water service pipes. As a result, Superintendent Kathy Cooper recommended an addition to the code to allow the installation of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Copper Pipe Size DR 9 for water services less than four inches. A properly installed tracer wire will be required adjacent to the HDPE service pipe for locating purposes. All two to four inch water services will require a stainless steel insert if HDPE pipe is used. In addition, ductile iron was recommended as an alternative for service pipes four inches and greater. Kathy Cooper, Water Dept. Supervisor, was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Ordinance 13-4338. An Ordinance Amending Section 98-102 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Allow for Use HDPE Copper Pipe Size DR( for Water Services, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

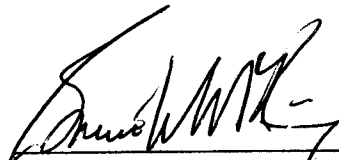
**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:15 p.m., Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move recess into executive session to discuss: The appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal) of specific employee. Section (c) (1)."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 8:50 p.m. Councilman McDermott moved and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move Council return to open session."** Motion passed on voice vote without dissent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:40 p.m., moved by Councilman McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

  
Chet Olson, Mayor

  
Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle